

May 21, 2003

03E-032

RE: Brake Caliper Recall Notice

Dear Distributor:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

CARDONE Industries, Inc. has decided that a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists in certain remanufactured rear brake calipers marketed and sold under the CARDONE brand name. The subject parts were manufactured between **February 1, 2002 and April 25, 2003**, and are intended for installation on **Model Year 1965-1982 Chevrolet Corvettes**. The affected part numbers and date codes are listed on the enclosed bulletin.

REASON FOR THIS RECALL

The subject brake calipers were remanufactured using improperly manufactured piston seals obtained from a supplier. These seals are intended to prevent fluid leakage between the caliper housing and the pistons. Because these piston seals do not meet the proper manufacturing specifications, they are prone to premature deterioration, which can cause brake fluid leakage. If brake fluid leaks, rear braking performance could be reduced. This condition will not affect front brake performance.

A failure of the brake caliper seal will usually be evidenced by visible brake fluid leakage and/or a low brake pedal condition. In addition, the vehicles for which the subject brake calipers are intended (i.e., 1965 – 1982 Chevrolet Corvette) are equipped with Indicator Lights on the instrument panel to alert the driver when the brake fluid level is low.

WHAT WE WILL DO

CARDONE Industries requests your assistance in returning ALL affected units to CARDONE. ***Please return only the date codes noted on the enclosed bulletin.*** We will provide a full refund or credit for returned products upon their return to CARDONE. All inventories at CARDONE have been corrected and can be ordered to replace your inventory and customer returns.





WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

The subject product should be immediately consolidated from distribution centers, warehouses and stores, and returned to CARDONE using the following return procedure:

1. Please have your personnel return all Brake Calipers for the part numbers listed on the bulletin.
2. Return these units to the distributor in the original box, marked "RETURN FOR INSPECTION".
3. Only return units with date codes DCA2032 through DCA3148.
4. After checking and marking distributor and store inventories, the distributor should complete a Return Goods Memo marked "RETURN FOR INSPECTION".
5. Product should be returned to:
CARDONE Industries
5501 Whitaker Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19124-1799
6. This merchandise may be returned with core or warranty returns, but must be packed separately.

CARDONE regrets the inconvenience this may cause you. We place great importance on superior product performance and customer service, and have taken steps to prevent this problem from occurring in the future.

Owners of affected product may submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590 or call the toll free auto safety hotline at 888-327-4236, if the owner believes that CARDONE has failed or is unable to remedy without charge the condition outlined above within a reasonable time.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

CARDONE Industries



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CARDONE

Product Recall

MAY 15, 2003

Subject: Cardone Industries has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in the following Brake Caliper part numbers:

16-7019**16-7020****18-7019****18-7020**

Only return units with date codes.

DCA2032 through DCA3148

BRAKE CALIPER**18-7020**

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Date Code DCA2032 through DCA3148 located here

Summary

Rear Brake Calipers for 1965 – 1982 Chevrolet Corvette with incorrectly manufactured piston seals, which could result in brake fluid leakage. Brake Calipers affected were manufactured from February 1, 2002, through April 25, 2003.

Consequence

If Brake Fluid leaks, reduced rear braking ability could occur. Prior to reduced braking ability the brake warning light will illuminate and a low brake pedal may be experienced.

Remedy

Dealers will replace the Brake Calipers or provide a full refund. If you do not receive the replacement Brake Caliper in a reasonable time, contact Cardone Industries at 1-800-777-4780.

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